

WINTER WORK IN PROGRESS ON ICE ON UPPER STREAM

Major Hoffman Returns From Inspection Tour of Construction of Dams.

HAS PROVEN SUCCESSFUL

Economy and Opportunity for Labor over Sand Bars Cited as Good Results of Present Projects.

Contrary to the general belief that there is no work going on in the improvement of the upper Mississippi river during the winter, wing dams, closing dams and shore protections are now under construction on the upper part of the stream.

Major G. M. Hoffman, in charge of the United States engineer's office in this city, returned from an inspection trip to St. Paul and La Crosse, Wis., last evening. Near both places, and also at Montpelier, Iowa, work is now under way and providing the ice holds will be continued to completion.

The work at St. Paul and La Crosse has reached a gratifying stage of progress. Much of this work can not be done in the spring, as the conditions near the scene of the labor make it impossible to accomplish any good with the floating plant.

Erected on Top of Ice.

It consists of repair work to dams, and the construction of new ones, principally over shoals and sandbars. The dams are erected on top of the ice and then the latter is cut away. Previous work has proven entirely satisfactory and very economical, a saving of 10 per cent being realized.

Major Hoffman said that in the north where the snow had disappeared from the roadway from quarries, workmen had constructed roadbeds of snow and the stone and brush was being hauled over the track on sleds to the river and thence out on the ice to a point where the dams were being constructed.

C. W. Durham, principal assistant engineer of the local corps, last year wrote a very interesting article on the winter work, which was published extensively, a number of engineer magazines and other similar publications printed it. In the article he explained in full detail the nature of the work, how it is accomplished, its economy, and the success realized.

This is the fifth winter that work has been carried on the river. At first it was only tentative or experimental, but it has now passed from that stage, as it has proved practical, it was inaugurated in 1911 at Winona and Dubuque.

Cold Winter Needed.

Col. Durham explains in the account that a cold winter is needed and that no floating plant or machinery is required. He stated that only a part of the river above Rock Island is reliable for winter work, as below this point the winters are shorter.

For winter work are selected dams to be built over sandbars or in shallow water, where the floating plant cannot reach. A saving of seven cents per cubic yard, or about 10 per cent, is realized in the winter work over that accomplished with the floating plant in the summer.

In making repairs of shore protections or in building new, the ice is cut away as the work progresses. In the case of dam repairs ice is cut or sawed along the line of dams and below it for a width of 20 to 30 feet and then sunk or removed to a distance so that there will be no unnecessary weight near the opening. All new dams are built in the same way.

The thaw of the last week is worrying the local engineers, because should the ice go out, the work would be practically ruined, as it has not been completed in any of the places as yet.

Major Hoffman stated this morning that the winter work was beneficial for many reasons, among them being the chance to build dams and shore protections where the floating plant could not reach, the opportunity to work during the winter months and accomplish much toward the end of the improvement of the stream and giving men work who otherwise would be idle.

JURY VERDICT IN FAVOR PLAINTIFF

Award Judgment of \$125 to Frank Fredericks, Rock Island Contractor.

The jury in the case in which Frank Fredericks, local contractor, sued Simon Gottlieb for \$198 claimed to be due on a bill for alteration work done on one of Mr. Gottlieb's houses, brought in a verdict late last night in circuit court awarding the plaintiff judgment of \$125.

The case which at first was presumed would require but a few hours to dispose of, lasted several days, and it was not until yesterday afternoon that Attorney John Scott, representing Mr. Gottlieb, and Attorney W. C. Allen for the plaintiff, ended their closing statements.

The defense was based on the claim that Mr. Gottlieb had Mr. Fredericks' receipt cancelling the debt.

ROCK ISLAND BOY ON DEBATE TEAM

Bruce E. Dwinell Is Member of Victorious Northwestern University Squad.

Bruce E. Dwinell, son of Rev. and Mrs. O. T. Dwinell of this city, was a member of the Northwestern university debating team that last evening at Evanston, won a unanimous decision in the debate with Ann Arbor on the subject, "Resolved, That the Monroe Doctrine is Obsolete." Mr. Dwinell is in the law school of the Northwestern university and was on the affirmative side.

The Northwestern university, Ann Arbor and the Chicago university have a tri intercollegiate association for debating, two teams representing each school at the three institutions simultaneously. The Northwestern team in the debate with the Chicago university last evening was given one point, making four out of a possible nine points for the school.

OFFERS WELCOME TO THE GIDEONS

Mayor Extends Hospitality of City to Order Which Will Hold Convention Here.

Mayor H. M. Schriver this morning dictated a letter which will be sent to the head office of the Gideons in Chicago, officially turning over the keys of the city to the order which plans on holding its annual convention in this city on some Saturday and Sunday during the month of April.

The Gideons are Christian traveling men who aim to place a bible in every hotel room in the country and it is expected that the convention will attract some 150 to 200 men to this city.

Plans for the meeting are still undeveloped, but as soon as the date is set, the program will be arranged and the affair given extensive publicity throughout the state.

Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 16.—William Spars of Odell gave up his own life today to save his daughter, who came up just as the tree which he was chopping down started to fall. The child escaped.

NOT GUILTY PLEA OF TWO IN COURT

Pair Charged With Burglary Here Remanded to Jail by Judge R. W. Olmsted.

APPOINT SEARLE COUNSEL

Young Attorney Will Defend August De Martaraers, Charged With Crime Against Children.

Herman Anderson and Harry Jones, two young men, arrested here for the burglary of Bert's Sample shoe store, this morning were arraigned before Judge R. W. Olmsted in circuit court and plead not guilty to several indictments returned against them by the January grand jury.

Following their plea, they were remanded to the county jail, unable to give bonds. Anderson faces three indictments on charges of larceny and burglary and Jones one. Bail in each instance was fixed at \$1,500.

J. Clinton Searle was appointed by Judge Olmsted this morning as counsel for August De Martaraers, who faces two indictments. Margaret De Smet, aged 7, of East Moline is complaining witness in one case charging him with crime against children, and her father is another, charging him with larceny.

James Hanson, Clarence Tanberg and Charles Nelson, three youths charged with having "rolled" a drunk and robbed him were released on their own recognizance this morning and released on probate by the court for a year.

Paroled By County Court.

Alfonso Bekart, this city, indicted on a charge of assault upon Mrs. Felicia DeHulster, this city, and sentenced recently by Judge Nels A. Larson in county court, this morning was paroled by the court. Bekart was accused of having thrown a canister at the woman.

TELEPHONE PLANT ALL COMPLETED

Cut Over by Central Union Company Will Take Place Near Midnight.

Tonight at 11:45 the last telephone call will be handled from the old plant of the Central Union Telephone company, just south of the Rock Island club. At that hour a gang of experts will commence its task of connecting up the system of the new plant at Eleventh street between Sixth and Seventh avenues. The task will consume approximately 15 minutes, and as business is quiet at that hour, very few subscribers will be inconvenienced.

Tomorrow the new plant will be in full operation for the first time. More than \$300,000 has been expended by the company for the new system, which is of the very latest type. One of the big features will be the fact that the operator cannot hear the conversation after a connection is made, the new automatic ringing device doing away with that undesirable feature.

District Manager A. J. Beverlin also announced that the American Bell Telephone & Telegraph company will establish long distance telephone service between San Francisco and New York for the first time. Hereafter the longest long distance calls handled through the local lines was from New York to Denver. Although the company officials themselves have talked across the country over the phone, the line has never been used commercially.

DUMPING TAR IN RIVER TO CEASE

Moline manufacturers who have been dumping tar into the Mississippi at Second street, will have to desist, according to E. E. McDole, deputy game warden, who returned last evening from Chicago, where he appeared before a meeting of the State Water Survey held at 605 South Dearborn street.

Warden McDole took two members of the Island City Boat association, with him as witnesses. It was shown that for years tar has been dumped into the river, polluting the water and destroyed spawning beds of fish. It has also injured small river craft and the commission served notice on the Molineans that a fine would be imposed if the order was not complied with within a reasonable time. Warden McDole has been working on the case for months.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION IN IMPORTANT SESSION

A special meeting of the Tri-City Typographical union No. 107, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Industrial hall. Twenty-first street and Third avenue. Important business matters are to come before the body and all members are urged to be present.

COAL DEALER ARRESTED FOR SHORT WEIGHT LOAD

Morris Finkelstein, member of the firm of Finkelstein Bros., retail coal dealers, 2506 Third avenue, was arrested yesterday on complaint of Her-

man Winkler, city inspector of weight and measures. Mr. Winkler claims that one of the drivers for the company was delivering a load of coal 475 short in weight yesterday morning. Attorney Clyde Walker appearing for the company this morning, asked a change of venue to Justice Kuehl's court which was granted. The case was continued to Tuesday, because of the absence of Mr. Winkler, who is confined to his home with a severe cold.

COLDER WEATHER SAYS FORECAST

Rain Will Turn to Snow, Followed by Drop in Temperature Is Prediction.

The disagreeable weather of today promises to be followed by frigid temperature, according to the government weather bureau.

"Rain turning into snow, and followed by a cold wave, with lowest temperature tonight at 10 degrees, northwesterly winds," is the prediction offered.

Rain started falling early this morning and by 7 o'clock a precipitation of .15 of an inch was registered. The temperature was mild and while walking proved very difficult and where there was ice, hazardous, yet the fall did the streets of considerable ice and slush.

OLD RESIDENT IS CALLED BY DEATH

Mrs. Julia McKenna, Wife of Veteran Storekeeper, Succumbs to Long Illness.

Mrs. Julia McKenna, 71 years of age and wife of J. J. McKenna, veteran notion store keeper, 1007 Fourth avenue, died at 7 o'clock this morning at her home, after a lingering illness of complications. She had been failing for several years.

She was born in Brown county, near Sterling, Ill., in 1843. She came to Rock Island about 40 years ago and had resided here since. She was united in marriage to James J. McKenna in January, 1870. Two children were born to the union, and both have passed away. She was a member of St. Joseph's and was well known among the older residents of the city. Mrs. McKenna leaves a large circle of friends.

Besides her husband, she is survived by four sisters, none of whom reside in this city. Funeral services will be conducted from St. Joseph's church at 9 o'clock Monday morning. Dean J. Quinn will have charge of the services with interment in Calvary cemetery.

EDWARD FENWICK HAS A BAD NIGHT

Condition of Lad Who Was Injured in Fatal Coasting Accident No Better.

According to a report from Dr. Joseph DeSilva, who is attending him, the condition of Edward J. Fenwick, who was badly injured in the fatal coasting accident on Forty-fourth street Tuesday night, in which Clyde L. McAninch lost his life, is not so favorable today. The main danger now lies in the fracture in the skull. Inflammation of the brain has developed and Fenwick spent a very restless night. The young man is conscious and will speak to those about him, when aroused, but immediately lapses into a stupor again. The danger from the four fractured ribs on the right side is now nearly past. Two of the ribs punctured the lungs, but caused no abscess.

The condition of William Smith, Times reporter, who was seriously injured in a coasting accident on Twenty-first street Wednesday night, is considerably better, according to reports from St. Anthony's hospital. He spent a restful night, and feels much improved today, although the fractured limb gives him considerable pain.

SAND & GRAVEL CO. NAMES DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Rock Island Sand & Gravel company was held last evening at the offices of the concern, 119 Twentieth street. There were no changes in the directorate, composed of C. J. Larkin, Cornelius Donovan, H. J. Larkin, W. H. McConchie, August Hinke, Jacob Imhof, George H. Richmond and W. H. Edwards. The old officers were again chosen: President—C. J. Larkin. Vice President—Cornelius Donovan. Secretary and Manager—H. J. Larkin. Treasurer—W. H. McConchie.

PERSONAL POINTS

C. E. Carlson will spend Sunday in Chicago with his aunt, Mrs. Annette Johnson, formerly of this city. Cornelius Graham of this city and P. C. Dunlap of Arkansas, who have been in the city a few days, have returned to Zephyr Hill, Florida, to spend the remainder of the winter and to look after land interests.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

URGE KILLING OF DISEASED CATTLE

Majority Members Legislature Favor Plan to Stop Hoof and Mouth Disease.

ENDORSED AT CONFERENCE

W. C. Maucker, Home From Springfield, Says Treatment of Animals Is Not Effective.

A positive stand in favor of handling the foot and mouth disease through extermination of infected animals was taken at a conference of two-thirds of the members of the legislature held Thursday morning at Springfield, according to W. C. Maucker, minority representative, who is home over Sunday.

Mr. Maucker declared that there has been a general feeling that the government expected to stop the killing of animals having the disease because of the difficulty experienced in reimbursing farmers for their losses. He said that the opinion prevailed, after the filing of injunction proceedings to prevent the government and state officials from slaughtering animals, that a new method of procedure would be followed, namely the treatment of cattle.

Killing Only Method.

"The legislature went on record for extermination," declared Mr. Maucker today. "It was realized that this is the only safe plan to follow. Germany, France and other European countries have tried the treatment plan and it has proven a complete failure, the market value of the cattle being so decreased after the heavy expense of doctoring as to make them practically worthless."

"The members pledged themselves to support a bill provided for the killing immediately of all infected animals and prompt payment by the state and government to the owner. There are 27 herds in Mercer county alone now ill with the disease and the legislature wants to adopt the most stringent measure possible to prevent the spread of the malady and to restore confidence in Illinois cattle in order that farmers will be able to make loans on them as in the past."

SANATORIUM FILM TO SHOW IN CITY

Movies of Modern Woodmen Institution in Colorado to Be Seen Here.

In order that public, generally, may be informed of the work being accomplished by the Modern Woodmen of America through its sanatorium for tuberculosis at Woodmen, Colorado, arrangements have been made to portray the little story of the "Man Who Came Back" in moving picture form at the Empire theatre, Rock Island, on Jan. 17, 18, 19, and 20. The pictures will be exhibited just previous to the opening acts of the Oliver stock company play.

Those who have seen the film say that it is, indeed, a "moving" picture. It sets forth in a graphic way what this great society is doing for the relief of its members who are attacked by the dread destroyer, consumption. In a reel of 1,040 feet are shown many interesting scenes of actual sanatorium life, including a panorama of the buildings, tents, and surrounding landscape—one of the "show places" of Colorado. Besides this reel, there will be two others, one picturing the head office buildings, publication plant and views of the head camp at Toledo, last June, and the other showing the most stirring scenes of the great Foresters' encampment held in connection with the Toledo meeting. In all, there will be over 2,000 feet of film of particular interest to Woodmen and Woodmen's families.

These pictures have already been shown to approximately 200,000 persons in various parts of the United States. These are the figures from Aug. 24, 1914, when the films were first put out, to the close of the year. Up to that time, the pictures had been exhibited 25 times in Illinois, being received everywhere with the warmest praise.

\$923.375 IS PAID OUT IN DEATH CLAIMS BY M. W. A.

The board of directors and executive council of the Modern Woodmen of America adjourned its present session to February 11, last night. They convened last Tuesday and during the past week allowed 236 death claims amounting to \$923,375, in the aggregate. Nothing but the usual routine matters was transacted during the session.

ODD FELLOWS TO WORSHIP AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The committee of the Odd Fellows in charge of the "go to church" Sunday plan met Thursday night at Odd Fellow hall. The members of the order will attend services at the Memorial Christian church, Sunday, January 24.

CONTINUES HEARING IN THE MEAT ROBBERY CASE

Alphonse Dierlek, whom the police claim is the third man of the gang that broke into King's meat market, 2614 Fifth avenue, on the night of Dec.

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COURT ARRANGES A NEW TRIAL LIST

Civil Cases Will Be Attended to Chiefly During the Coming Week.

TO DROP HIGHWAY SUIT

Judge R. W. Olmsted Leaves for Cambridge Where Few Matters Are Disposed of.

Next week will be devoted to civil cases in circuit court, Judge R. W. Olmsted this morning having arranged a trial calendar, which will be taken up when court convenes at 2:00 o'clock Monday afternoon. Judge Olmsted excused the jury this morning until Monday afternoon, and after attending to a few criminal cases, adjourned court, and this afternoon in company with Edwin Dice, court reporter went to Cambridge, where a few matters were attended to. The initial case set in the suit of the Bowling and Rural township highway commissioners against Wm. Coyne and others, but it is understood that it will be dismissed by Judge Olmsted on motion of the attorneys Monday, a settlement having been reached.

Trial List.

The following cases have been set for trial for the coming week:

Monday.
Commissioner of Highways vs. William Coyne et al.
William J. Niemeyer vs. Morris & Lewis.
P. C. Elman vs. Republican Iron & Steel Co.
U. S. Radiator Co. vs. A. N. McNeill.
A. Tuell vs. Nellie Hill.

Tuesday.

Mary Cox vs. City of Rock Island.
Mrs. Bert Capman vs. City of Rock Island.
John E. Lundquist vs. George E. McDowell.
American Cement Plaster vs. Joseph Ed. etc.

Wednesday.

C. H. Wayne vs. C. R. I. & P. Ry. Co.
O. Cohen vs. Simon Lewis.
Leroy M. Rock vs. Fisk & Looney Co.

Thursday.

H. F. Paulsen vs. W. E. Thompson.
Katherine Rhylla vs. Charles Brady, et al.

Friday.

John Tredar vs. William H. Ludwig.
Benjamin E. Russell vs. Sam W. Bowdler.
Wilhelmina Burke vs. People's Power Co.

C. Emory Harrison vs. Paul M. Bolinger.

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